



**REPORT OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS  
AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE  
NELSON COUNTY SHERIFF**

**Calendar Year 2000**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE**  
**NELSON COUNTY SHERIFF**

**Calendar Year 2000**

The Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the Nelson County Sheriff's audit for calendar year 2000. We have issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statement is presented fairly in all material respects.

**Financial Condition:**

The Sheriff had receipts of \$691,948 less total disbursements of \$659,016 leaving excess fees due county of \$32,932 which was paid December 5, 2001. Prior year excess fees were \$98,277 for a decrease of \$65,345.

**Deposits:**

The Sheriff's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities or bonds.

**Information in Financial Notes:**

The Sheriff had a Forfeiture and Seizure Account. The Sheriff began with a balance of \$6,072 of forfeited drug money as of January 1, 2000. Pursuant to the Nelson County District Court Order, these receipts are to be used in drug-related law enforcement. During the year, the Sheriff had disbursements of \$29 and receipts of \$29, leaving a balance as of December 31, 2000 of \$6,072.

In June 2000, the Sheriff opened a DARE account with funds received from donations. During the year, receipts totaled \$2,450; disbursements were \$316, leaving a balance as of December 31, 2000 of \$2,134. These funds are to be used for Drug Awareness Resistance Education for children.



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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the County Sheriff of Nelson County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2000. This financial statement is the responsibility of the County Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the County Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis and laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the County Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2000, in conformity with the basis of accounting described above.

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In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated December 5, 2001, on our consideration of the County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Respectfully submitted,

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Edward B. Hatchett, Jr.  
Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed -  
December 5, 2001



NELSON COUNTY  
 MIKE NEWTON, SHERIFF  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND EXCESS FEES

Calendar Year 2000

Receipts

State Grants		\$	56,952
State Fees For Services:			
Finance and Administration Cabinet			28,085
Circuit Court Clerk:			
Sheriff Security Service	\$	27,182	
Fines and Fees Collected		20,242	
Court Ordered Payments		<u>8,840</u>	56,264
Fiscal Court			10,096
County Clerk - Delinquent Taxes			3,791
Commission On Taxes Collected			289,081
Fees Collected For Services:			
Auto Inspections	\$	8,661	
Accident and Police Reports		1,091	
Sheriff's 10% Add-On Penalty Fees		25,313	
Serving Papers		30,866	
Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapon Permits		23,997	
Transporting Prisoners		<u>1,535</u>	91,463
Miscellaneous			3,252
Interest Earned			10,910
Borrowed Money:			
State Advancement			<u>142,054</u>
Gross Receipts		\$	691,948

NELSON COUNTY  
 MIKE NEWTON, SHERIFF  
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND EXCESS FEES  
 Calendar Year 2000  
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Disbursements

Operating Disbursements and Capital Outlay:

Personnel Services-

Deputies' Salaries	\$ 211,003	
Part-Time Salaries	6,979	
Other Salaries	80,411	
Overtime	<u>26,460</u>	\$ 324,853

Employee Benefits-

Employer's Share Retirement	31,244	
Employer Paid Health Insurance	<u>35,114</u>	66,358

Contracted Services-

Advertising		137
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Materials and Supplies-

Office Materials and Supplies	8,420	
Uniforms	979	

Auto Expense-

Gasoline	17,418	
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Other Charges-

Conventions and Travel	1,465	
Dues	1,030	
Training	448	
Postage	467	
Radio Maintenance and Repairs	900	
Transporting Prisoners	1,000	
Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapon Permits	15,143	
Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs	7,537	
Miscellaneous	<u>1,094</u>	55,901

Capital Outlay-

Office Equipment		5,465
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Debt Service:

State Advancement		<u>142,054</u>
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Total Disbursements		<u>\$ 594,768</u>
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Net Receipts		\$ 97,180
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Less: Statutory Maximum	\$ 63,542	
Incentive Pay	<u>706</u>	<u>64,248</u>

Excess Fees Due County for Calendar Year 2000		\$ 32,932
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Payment to County Treasurer - December 5, 2001		<u>32,932</u>
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Balance Due at Completion of Audit		<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statement.

NELSON COUNTY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 2000

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

A fee official uses a fund to report on the results of operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fee official uses a fund for fees to account for activities for which the government desires periodic determination of the excess of receipts over disbursements to facilitate management control, accountability, and compliance with laws.

B. Basis of Accounting

The financial statement has been prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under this basis of accounting, certain receipts and certain expenditures are recognized as a result of accrual at December 31, 2000.

The measurement focus of a fee official is upon excess fees. Remittance of excess fees is due to the County Treasurer in the subsequent year.

C. Cash and Investments

At the direction of the fiscal court, KRS 66.480 authorizes the County Sheriff's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

Note 2. Employee Retirement System

The county officials and employees have elected to participate in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), pursuant to KRS 78.530 administered by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems. This is a multiple-employer public retirement system that covers all eligible full-time employees. Benefit contributions and provisions are established by statute. Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute 5.0 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees was 7.17 percent. Hazardous covered employees are required to contribute 8.0 percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for hazardous employees was 16.78 percent.

NELSON COUNTY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
December 31, 2000  
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Note 2. Employee Retirement System (Continued)

Benefits fully vest on reaching five years of service for nonhazardous employees. Aspects of benefits for nonhazardous employees include retirement after 27 years of service or age 65. Aspects of benefits for hazardous employees include retirement after 20 years of service or age 55.

Historical trend information pertaining to CERS' progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is present in the Kentucky Retirement Systems' annual financial report which is a matter of public record.

Note 3. Deposits

The Sheriff maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). According to KRS 66.480(1)(d) and KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the Sheriff and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. These requirements were met, and as of December 31, 2000, the Sheriff's deposits were fully insured or collateralized at a 100% level with collateral of either pledged securities held by the Sheriff's agent in the Sheriff's name.

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AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL  
REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
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**Report On Compliance And On Internal Control  
Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of The Financial  
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards**

We have audited the statement of receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the Nelson County Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated December 5, 2001. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Nelson County Sheriff's financial statement for the year ended December 31, 2000, is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Nelson County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statement being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards  
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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified party.

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